AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

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Please replace paragraph **0043** with the following amended paragraph:

[0043] Such a configuration may provide each light emitting device 200 with a high amount of redundancy, in order to ensure that the corresponding symbol or pattern will be illuminated despite a burn-out in any of the LEDs 213. For example, a light emitting device 200 that illuminates the letter "D" may include eleven modules 210, thereby including 264 LEDs 213. If such a light emitting device 200 emitted white light, any burn-out of an LED 213 would result in the operational loss of only four LEDs 213. Such an embodiment provides much more protection against light source failure than a conventional PDL, for example, which utilizes two incandescent bulbs to illuminate "D."

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Please replace paragraph **0047** with the following amended paragraph:

[0047] In an exemplary embodiment, the configuration of LEDs 213 in a light emitting device 200 will cause the emitted sheet of light to striate as the pilot of the approaching aircraft 30 moves out of the field of view. In other words, the light emitted from

at least one of the light emitting devices 200 striates as the approaching aircraft 30 moves such that the fuel receptacle 32 moves out of alignment with the boom envelope 14. Accordingly, the pilot of aircraft 30 may be notified by the progressive striation of the emitted light of one or more of the light emitting devices 200 that he/she is falling off course and needs to correct the aircraft's 30 position with respect to tanker aircraft 10. Thus, the striation of the light emitted from the light emitting device 200 provides "passive" positional feedback. In other words, the position of the approaching aircraft 30 need not be actively sensed/detected at the refueling tanker aircraft 10, in order to provide this feedback to the approaching pilot.

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Please replace paragraph **0054** with the following amended paragraph:

[0054] The limited range of illumination in such embodiments may provide the approaching pilot passive feedback as to how far the aircraft 30 has gone off course. Also, the limited range of illumination in such embodiments may allow the refueling operation to be performed covertly with respect to surrounding aircraft and ground stations. This may be useful, e.g., during military operations where covertness is desired.